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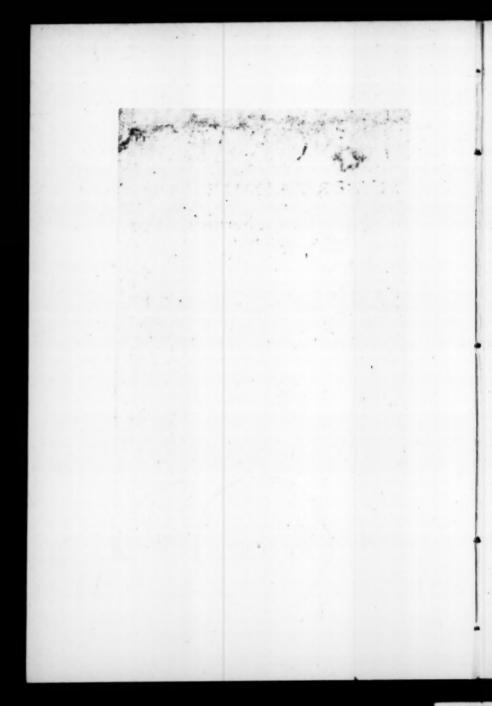
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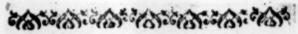
SOME OF WHICH WERE
fashion'd for the Entertainment of the Lords of
his Maiesties most Honorable Privie Councell,
ypon the Occasion of their late Royall
Employment.

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TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE

Sir Francis Ihones, Knight, L. Maior of the Citty of
London, the Right Worthipfuil, Sir Iohn Garrard, Sir
Thomas Bennet, Sir Thomas Lowe, Sir Thomas Middleton,
Sir Iohn Iolles, Sir Iohn Leman, Sir George Bolles, Sir William
Cokayne, Knights and Aldermen, The truet, Generous and
Noble, Heneage Finch Egaine, Master Recorder; Master
Edward Barkham, Master Alexandes Prescot, Master
Peter Probye, Master Martin Lumley, Master William
Goare, Master Iohn Goare, Master Allen Cotton, Master
Cuthbert Hacket, Master William Halliday, Master
Robert Iohnson, Master Richard Herne, Master
Hugh Hamersley, Master Richard Denne,
Master Iames Cambell,
Master Iames Cambell,

Mafter Edward Men. Sheriffes and Aldermen.

All Brethren-Senators, Prefidents of religious and worthy
Actions, Carefull Assistants in the State of so vumatch'd
a Government; And all of them being bis Worthy and Horable Patrons.

T. M. Wisherliche Fulnes of that Honor, whose Obieca is Vertue, and Goodnesse.

Those Things that have tooke loy (at seneral Feasts)
Togine you Entertainment, as the Guests
A 2, They

The Epifle.



They held most truely Worthy, become now Poore Suiters to be entertaynde by you, So were they from the suff , their Suite is then, Once serving you, to be received agen, And You, to aqual Instice are so true, Ton alwaies cherifo that, which bonors You,

Euer obedient in his Studies, to the Seruice of so compleate a Goodnes.

Tho. Middleton.



HONOVRABLE

ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Monday and Tuelday in Easter weeke, 1620. the first Entertainment, at the house of the right worthy, St. William Conkaine then L. Major: Which on the Saturday following was fashioned into service for the Lords of his Maiosties most Hobbs. Privy Councell; ypon which day, that noble Marriage was celebrated betwick the Right Hobbs. Charles L. Howard Baron of Effingham, and Mary, eldest Daughter of the said St. William Cokaine, then L. Major of London, and L. Generall of the Military forces.

One habited like a Gentleman Sewer, bearing in his hand an Artificiall Cocke, conducted by the City Musicke, toward the high Table, a Song giving notice of his Entrance.

B SONG.



Song.

Roome, roome, make roome,
You Friends to Fame,
Officers of worth and Name,
Make roome, make roome,
Behold the Bird of State doth come,
Make roome,
Cleere the place,
O doe it all the grace;
It is the King of Birds, whose chaunting,
And early morning Crowing,
So quicke and strongly slowing,
Doe's make the King of Beasts the panning;
How worthy then to be brought in with Honour,
That dannes the proudest in that humble manner.



The Speech.

Wo powers at strife about conceived wrong, I To whom this Bird should properly belong, Were reconcil'd by Harmony : First, the Same Cald it his Bird, cause still when day begun To ope her modest Eye, this Creature then, Proclaimes his glory to the world agen; Minerua next, Goddelle of Armes and Art, Claymd it for hers (not without just defert) He,like the Morning being the Muses friend, And then for courage, 'tis his life, his end , Without wrong then those properties related, To both, hee may be justly confecrated : But, Worthy Lord, how properly to you, Whose place pertakes of both; it is so true An Emblem of your worth, charge, power, & ftate, None, Noblier can expresse a Magistrate; For all that is in this Bird, Quality, Is in you Vertue, luftice, luduftry, What do's his early morning note imply? But in you, early care and vigilancie;

Honoigrable



A Duty that begets Duty to you,
So Vertue still payes, and receives her due:
What do's the striking of his wings import,
Ere to his Neighbour hee his sounds retort?
But the decre labours and incessant paines
Of a just Magistrate, that e'en constraines
His Nerues, to give more Vertue to his word,
And beate in sense into the most absurd:
The Sharpest is the easiest to apply,
For his quicke Spurre, Lawes sword doth signishe,
The execution of your Charge and Place,
To cut off all crimes that are bold and base:
"Vertues should be with kind embraces, hesp'd,
"But with a Sword, Sins haruest must be reap'd.

To the Aldermen.

My reverence next to you, to you, that are
The Fathers of this Citty, by whose care,
Wisedome & watchfulnes, the good cause thrives,
You that are Lights and Presidents in Lives,
Noble Examples, Honours t'Age and Time,
This



This is the Top weh your good cares must climbe, " A ceasseife labour Vertue hath impos'd, "Vpon all those, whom Honour hath enclos'd, And fuch are you, selected from the rest, Works then that are most choice become you best; Place before all your Actions and Intents, The rare gifts of that Bird, this but prefents: Behold the very shape and Figure, now, Serues for a Noble Welcome, turnd into A Cup of Bounty, and t'adorne the Feast, Loaden with loue comes to each worthy Gueff; And but observe the manner, there's in that, Freenetle exprett, humility, yet State; First you take off his head, to tast his heart, Which showes at this time power is laid apart, And bounty fils the place; then he goes round; To fhew a Welcome of an equal Sound, To every one a free one, through the Boord, So plaine hee speakes the goodnetle of his Lord, Take then respectfull Notice through the Hall,

That heere the noble Health begins to All.

B 3

The



The Cock-cup then deliuered by this Gentle man Sewer to the L. Major, hee beginning the Health, a fecond Song thus honouring it.

2. SONO.

The Health's begun,
In the Bird of the Sun,
pleage it round pledge it round,
With heavy melcome it comes crownd,
Opleage it round:
The Ceremonies due
Surget not as they were begun to you,
When you are dranke to, y' are by duty led,
Fift to hiffe your hand, then take off the bead,
You cannot miffe it then,
To put it on and hiffe it agent



The next to whom the Health doth flow, It taught to honour your Pledge so, So round, round, round, round, let it goe, As aboue, so below; For Bounty did intend it alwayes so.

B 4

The



The second Entertainment.

At Bun-hill, on the Shooting day; Another babited like an Archer did thus greet the L. Mayor and Aldermen after they were placed in their Tent.

7 Hy this is nobly done, to come to grace A Sport, fo wel becomes the Time & Place, Old Time made much on't, & it thought no praise Too deere for't, nor no honour in thole dayes, Not only Kings ordaind Lawes to defend it, But shinde the first Examples to commend it, In their owne Persons honord it so farre, A Land of Peace show'd like a field of Warre But chiefly Henry, (Memories Fame) the Eight, And the Sixt Edward ; gave it worth and weight, By Aft and favour, (not without defert) It being the comlieft and the Manlieft Art, And whereas meaner Crafts took their first forme From humble Things, as Twilling from a worme, And Weauing from the Spiders limber frame, Mufiche



Muliche and Archery from Apollo came : He cals himfelf great Maifter of this Sport, (Court: In whose bright name faire Wisedome keepes her Well may this Instrument be first in Fame. About all others that have got a Name, In war or peace; when Heauen it felfe doch flow, "The Conenant of Mercy, by a Bow : And as each Creature, nay, each sencelesse Thing, Is made a Glaffe to fee Heavens goodneife in ; So though this be a meere delight, a Game, Iustice may see heere somehing the may claime, (Without wrong done to State) and cal't her own, Since the greatst power is oft through weakenesse What are Reproofs? with the I first begin, (known. But Arrowes shot against the Brest of Sin ; Who hits Vice home, & cleaves a wrong in twaine, So that it never comes to close againe, Shewes not he noble Archery ? He pray euer, He may be followed, mended he can neuer: And as a cunning Bowmen markes his ground, And fro light things (which being toft vp) is found Where the winde lits (for his advantage best) Before



Before he let his Arrow passe his Breft; Sothe grave Magistrate, discreetly wife, Makes vie of light occasions that arise, To lead him on to weightier, windes a Caufe, Fro things but weakly told, much substance draws And will the state of Truth exactly trye, Before he let the Shaft of Judgement flie : Then in this Art, there's Vertue still exprest, For every man defires heere to be Beft, Their Ayme is still Perfection, to outreach, And goe beyond each other; which do's teach A Noble Strife in our more ferious Deeds, Affuring Glory to him best exceeds: and where some sports seek corners for their shame Day-light and open Place, commends this Game; Much like an Honest Cause, it appeares Bold In publicke Court, for all Eyes to behold; To the Archers.

On then, Apollors Scholers, You ne're found Nobler Spectators compast in this Ground; To whom I wish (worthy their Vertuous Wayes) Peace to their Hearts, long Health, & Blessed daies.

Vpon



Vpon the renewing of that worthy and lauduble Custome of Visiting the Springs and Conduice Heads, for the Sweetnesse and Health of the City.

A Vifitation long discominued.

A Water-Nimph seeming to rive out of the Ground by
the Conduit Head, neare the Banquetting-House,
thus greets the Honourable Assembly.

Ah? let me cleare mine Eyes, me thinks I see
Comforts approach, as if They came to me;
I am not vide to e'm; I ha beene long without,
How comes the Vertue of the Times about?
Ha's Ancient Custome yet a Friend? of Weight?
So many? rare! Goodnesse is wak't alate
Out of her long Sleepe sure; that ha's laine still
Many a deere Day, charm'd with Neglett and Will,
I thought I'de beene forsaken, quite forsooke,
For none these 7. yeares, ha's bestow'd a Looke
V pon my watry Habitation here;
I meane, of Power, that ought to see Me cleare,
For



For you'd faire Cities health, which Sweetnes bleffe And Vertue in full Strength, ever polletle; Well fare thy Vilitation, Noble Lord, And this most Grave Affembly ; that accord In wayes of Charity and Care with Thee; loges visit You, as Your Lower visit Me: The Waer Stands fo full now in mine Eyes I cannot chuse but weepe; but the Teares rife From Gladneffe, not from Sorrow, for that's loft Now I fee you, Vnkindneffe yet ha's coft Many a deere Drop, fince I beheld the Face Of the laft Magistrate, in Power and Place; I h'a done good Seruice; t'is no boafting part In one forgot, to speake her owne defert : I grant my kind and louing Sifters both Chadwell and Anwell, have exprest no Sloth In their Pipe Pilgrimage , but fairely proon d Most excellent Servants, houl'de, and welbelou'd; And have, when hard Necessity requires, Giuen happy Quench to many mercileffe Fires; Therefore am I neglected ? An old Friend? The Head ther to the Heart a'th City fend

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My best and cleerest Service, take Delight To be at hand, make your Dames Pure and White: Who for their civill Nearnetle, are proclaim'd Mirrours of women, through all Kingdoms fam'd: Can I be so forgot? and daily heare The noise of Water-bearers din your care? Those are my Almes-folkes, trotting in a Ring, And live youn the bounty of my Spring, Yet like dull wormes that have no fence at all. Lick vp the Dewes, ne're look from whece they fal, The head's not minded, where the goodnes flows: So with the worlds condition right it goes; "Bleffings are fwallowed with a greedy loue, "But Thanks flye flowly to you'd place Aboue, From whence the Euerliuing Waters fpring, Which to your foules eternall comforts bring : The Dewes'of Heauen fal on you, prosperous Fates Like fruitfull Rivers, flow into your States.

Vpon



Vpon discontinuance, and to excite them to practife.

A Speech intended for the generall Training, being appointed for the Tuesday next ensuing the Visitation of the Springs, but uppon some occasion, the Day deserred.

Pallas on Horsebacke, on her Helmet the figure of a Cocke, her proper Crest, thus should have greeted the L. Generall the L. Mayor Sir William Cokaine, at his entrance into the Field, the worthy Colonels, the right Generous Mr.: Alderman Hamer-sley, President of the Neble Councell of Warre, for the Martiall Garden 3 the Captaines, &c.

Wifedome and Valour when both meet in
Now tis a Field of Honor, Fames true Sphere,
Me thinks I could eternally dwell here;
Why here's perfection, tis a place for me,
Pallas delights in such community;
This Bird of Courage, (Enemy to Feare)

Whole



Whose Figure on my Helmet now I weare, And have done ever from my Birth in Heaven Is confecrate to Me, as to Thee given, Our Crest's alike, and fits both warre and peace, The Vertues are, Valour and Watchfulnetle, And both shine cleare now in thy present State, Field-Generall, and City-Magistrate: As I from Arts and Armes derive my name; So thou suppliest two Offices, with Fame: Why here the Ancient Romane Honor dwels, A Prator, Generall; Senators, Colonels; Captaines, grave Citizens; fo richly inspir'd, They can affift in Councell, if requir'd, And fer Court-Caufes in as fayre a Forme, As they doe Men, here, without Rage or Storme: Lieuetenants, Ensigners, Seriants of Bands, Of worthy Citizens the Army flands, Fach in his place deseruing faire respect ; I can complaine of nothing but Neglect, That such a noble Cities Arm'd Defence Should be so seldome seene; I could dispence With great occasions, but alasse, whole yeares



To put off exercise, gives cause of seares "In getting wealth all care should not be fet, "But some, in the defending what you get: There's fewe but have their providence so pure, (Bleft with a faire effate) to make it fure, By Rrength of writings, and in good mens hands Putting their Coyne, secur'd by Lifes and Lands, This is the common Fort to which all flye, Euery man labours for Security : But what's all this? (I fpeake in Truths behalfe) If neither Men, City, nor Deeds be fafe; Where's now Security of State? that day, When life stands doubtfull of her house of clay; A ruine, which neglect of glorious Armes H'as brought on many a Kingdome, rockt with Oflazy dulnetle, by vnpractif'd men Fit for no service ; I resolve you then ; This is Security, if you'le rightly know, And do's Secure that Word which you call fo : Let not a small pecuniary Expence (Which is but droffie dotage) keepe you hence, You lose all that you faue, after that manner, What



What i'st to rife in riches, fall in honour?

Nay to your Safeties to commit selfe-treason,
Which every thing provides for, bleft with reason,
Let this grave Lord's Example, (in its Prime)
Who perfects all his Actions with his Time,
Makes even with the Years, to his faire Faine,
Gives His Accounts vp with a Glorious Name
In Field and Court, move all men to discharge
Their manly Offices and paines at large;
Let every Years (at least) once in his Round,
See you like Somes of Honour tread this Ground;
And Heaven that both gives, & secures with welch,
The City bletle with Safety, You with Health,



At the House of following, being the last great Feast Sit William coksine; of the Magistrates Yeare, and the expiration of his Presorship,

One attir'd like a Monrer, enters after a made Dish like a Herse, stuck with sable Bannerets, Drums and Trumpets expressing a mournfull Service.

The



The Speech.

I Magine now, each apprehensive Guest
The Yeare departed; this his Funerall Feast,
I, a chiefe Mourner, this a sad Pageant, here,
Set with the Orphans Sigh, the Widowes Teare;
All seeme to mourne, as lockt from their reliefes,
Till the New Sun of Iustice dry their griefes;
And as there is no Glorious thing that ends,
But leaves a Fame behind it, that commends
Or disapproves the Progresse of his Acts;
So in this Epiraph, sad Truth contracts
A spacious Story, which spread forth at large,
Might instruct All, built up for Power & Charge,

C2 The



The Last Will and Testament of 162. finishing for the City.

Inprimit, I /move 620. do bequeach to my Succeellor 21. all my good withes, paines, labours and reformations, to bee nobly perfected by his endeuours and diligence.

Item, I make Iustice my Executor, and Wisedome my Ouerseer, web is, that Honorable Court which never failed yet to see Iustice performed.

Legacies; Truth, Temperance, Example of Humility and Gentleneffe.

Laftly, I bequeath to the whole Body of the. beloued Commonalry, three ineftimable lewels, Loue, Meeknesse and Loyaltic; which are alwaies the forerunners of a bleffed prosperity; which heapen grant they may euerlasting enjoy.



The Epitaph.

TEre ends a Teme that never milpent day, HThrogh Farnes celeftial Signer made his own By discrete judgement all his time still led, (way, Which is the onely Signe governes the Head, Mercy to wants, and Bounty to Defert, The peciall Signe that rules the noble Heart, A Teare of goodnesse, and a Teare of right, In which the honest cause sued with delight. A Trace wherein nothing that's good, was dull, Began at Moones Encrease, and ends at Full; Full cup, full welcome : adding the Suns gift, Who nearer his declining, the more fwift In his illustrious courfe, more bright, more cleere, Such is the glorious fetting of this Teare, His beamy substance shines e'ne through his shroud As the faire Sun shoots splendor through his cloud; May every Teare succeeding this, still have No worse an Epitaph to decke his Graue, And so my last farewell (this Teare for me) Wishing that many may conclude like Thee.



At the House of the Right Honorable Sir Francis Ihones.

The property to which this Speechespecially hash Respect, was a denice like a madeDish, expressing Lawrell, being part of the Haberdashers Armes.

The First Entertainement, at bis first Great Feast pra-Two naked Armes brea- parde to gine Welcome to bis king through a Cloud, Owne Noble Fraternitie, the supporting a wreath of Company of Haberdashers.

The



The Speech presented by a servant to Comus, the great Sir of Feasts.

Ree Loue, full welcome, bounty fayre, & cleere, TE'en as it flowes from Heauen, inhabit here, And with your Libera! Vertues bleffe the yeare, Makethis thy Pallacethou smooth youth of Feasts, Commu! and put loy into all the Guefts, That they may truely talte in fewest words, Th' Abundant welcome you'd Kind Lord affords, Especially to You, about the rest, Of all most worthy to be First and Best; You challenge two Respects, in Brotherhood, one, Which had defert enough came it alone, Without a fecond Vertue, but to adde Vnto Your Worthinetle, Your Loue was clad With Honor, Cost, and Care, and how applide, The late triumphant Day best restified, Stands in no need of my applause and praise, Your Worth can of it felfe, it felfe best raise; So much for Noble Action in your Right,



Which I prefume his goodnetle will require: Now for Himfelfe, (not far to wade or (wim) I borrow of your Honours to fit him, Which both preserves me in my first bounds still, And may agree best with his Loue and Will:

Herethe Property is presented.

Behold in this rare Symbole of Renowne, The Embleme of all Inflice, and the Crowne The faire reward for's, ever fresh and greene; Which imitates those loyes Eye hath not seene These Armes, that for their nakednetse resemble E'en Truth it felfe, no covering, to diffemble, Nor shift for Bribe, but open, plaine, and bare, Shows, Mon of Power thould keep their conscience And were their Acts transparet, without vaile (faire Difguize or Vizard, and fuch neuer faile; Observe this more, tis not one Arme alone That beares this Laurell, but rwo ioyn'd in one, Mercy and Inflier, the two Props of State, They must be both fixt in the Magistrate,



If wanting either, subject to much harme,
For he that ha's but one, ha's but one Arme;
Iudge then the Imperfection; marke agen,
They breake both through a Cloud; which instructs Men

How they should place their Reverence and their Loue,

Seeing all lawfull power, comes from Aboue;
And as the Laurell (which is now your due)
Bring due to Honour, therefore most to you,
Feares no iniurious Weather the Yeare brings,
But spite of Storins looks ever greene and springs,
Apolloce Tree, which Lightnings never blast,
So (Honor'd Lord) should burning Malice cast,
Her pitchy Fires at your Triumphant State;
You are Apolloce Tree, a (Massifrate,)
Which no foule Gust of Enuy can offend,
Nor may it ever to your Lordships End,
Health and a Noble Courage blesseyour Dayes;
To this your worthy Brotherbood, same and praise



At the house of fee Right Honora- For the Celebration of the Ioyfull ble Sir Francis Feast of Christmas last.

Ihones L. Mayor,

Leuity, a person attired sutable to her condition, from a Window, vnexpectedly thus greets the Assembly in the midst of the Feast.

Lew. Why well faid, thus should Christmas be Lightsome, locond, blithe and free, Now it lookes like Bounties Pallace, Where every Cup ha's his full Ballace, Drowne Cares with Ivice that Grapes have bled, And make Times cheeke looke fresh and red, Let nothing now but Healths goe round, And no sooner off, but crown'd With sparkling Liquors, bounding vp, Quicke in Pallet, as in Cup: To be heavy, to be dull,



Is a fault so pittifull,
We bar it from the sourse of Reason,
Care must not peep abroad this Season,
Nor a sad looke dare appeare
Within ten Mile of Christman cheere;
Sighes are banisht ten leagues farder,
Either Cellar, Hall or Larder;
To be Iouiall then and blithe
Is truely to pay (Christman) Tithe,
And where free Mirth is and impartiall,
Christmas there h'as made me Marshial.

Seucrity,



Security, from an opposite window, as wnex-

Sen. Why how now? know you where you are? rude thing;

Bold and vnmanner d Licence, dare you bring
Your free Speech hither, before me begin?
Who let this Skittish thing of Leptroese in?
Some call the Porter hither, yet stay, stay,
I'ue power in words to chase this toy away;
I wonder that the Musique suffers thee
To come into their roome?
Len. Why Nicety?

Sea. Beloeue me honest Me (what e' re yoube)
She's able to spoyle all your Harmony,
Corrupt your ayres with Lightnesse.
Len. Oh sie, sie,

How ill you blaze my Coate, Senerity?

Sen. Is this a place for you? can Lightnesse here
Vader the Hazard of her Shame appeare?



Lew. Why thou dull lumpish Thing, void of all fashion,

Mirths poylon, Enemy to Recreation,
Thou Melancholly wretch, so fil'd with spite
Thou eat'st thy heart, when others take delight,
I must be merry, its my nature—

Sen. Foole.

Len. Dull dogbolt.

Sen. Skit.

Temperance.

Temp. What ? this a Scolding Schoole,
How now? so hie got? and so lowd withall?
Whose doing wa'st plac'st you two there to braule?
Pray marke the Assembly, looke uppon e'm well,
Thinke where you are, and let that rude thought
quell

Your ynbefeeming difference, tis not heere
As at a Pit, here's Reverence, Worth, and Feare.
Lew. She tayes this place and feafon fuites not me.

Temp. She fayes but right in that,

Sen. O Lenity, Temp. No nor you neither,

Leu.



Len. You may be gon too,
Temp. Y'are Both Extreames, therefore no place
for you,

Lightnes becomes not, nor Senerity,
It must me betweene both, and I am Shee,
Too Light, is bad, and too Senere as Vilde;
But both well temperd, makes the mixture milde,
As I stand now betweene you, so it makes
A perfect Vertue vp, when it pertakes
Of each, and comes no neerer then I doo,
And Vertue made, We have no neede of you,
Vanish, be gon.

Sew. I give glace willingly To You, but not to Her.

They gine place.

Len. Nor I to Thee,
Tem. So, Thus things should have their becomming grace,
For Temperance fits the Reverence of this place:
Grave Senators, in goodnes still encreast!

Long



Long may you Live to celebrate this Feast,
This bleised Season of true Ioy compilde
In which faire Heaven and Man were reconcilde a
Musique ? thou modest Servant to this place,
Raise chast Delight, to doe this Season grace.

A Song?



A Song?

Answered at senerall places,

Eccho! Eccho I by thy loue once to Narciffus,
I now conjure thee not to mille vs,
But make thy Sound
Vppon the Woods rebound
And Mountains—Ecch: And mountaines.

And to thy neighbouring Sifters cal, —Sifters cal, Log'd in Caue or hollow Wall
And those resounding neere faire Fountaines

Ecch: Neere faire Fountaines,
Let e'm call to one another — To one another

one another—

And one Sifter rayse vp tother

Ecch. --- vp tother -
Let it goe from me to you -- From me to you

-- Mcc-To you,

From you to them, be just and true
_ Just and True

Neuer



Neuer cease your Voyces Flight, Till you raise vp chatt Delight

-- Vp chaft Delight.

Delight-Who calls me from my Caue Twas I-Twas I, Twas I,

This is no Time in filence now to ly

Delight Who 1?

This is a Season of all loy compilde,

In which faire Heanen and Man were reconcilded Ecch—Heanen and Man were reconcilded Ecch-Reconcilded

Behold how many a worthy Guest Are met to celebrate this Feast.

Delight.—I fee it plaine, O blame me then,
I ne're will showe such Sloth agen;
For whose delight am I now raisde?
Oh for the Cities!

Delight-How? for the Cities?

Ecch-- For the Cities:

Del. To faile a Mistrie for renown'd it were a thoufand pitties,

C . Ecch-



Ecels -- Thousand pitties.
Those are her Honor'd Sonnes you now behold,
Del. Heanen blesse them all, with Greeces manifold.

To the Alufique.

Temp. So!
Tis thankfully accepted, y'haue exprest,
Your service well and fully to this Feess:
Adorn'd and honor'd in each happy part,
With those most reuerend Patrons to Desert:

The Close !

I oy neuer faile your meetings, good succelle
All your Endenours, and your Fortunes bleile,
Gladnes of heart dwell euer in your Brests,
And Peace of faire Workes bring you glorious
Rests.



At the House of the Times of that blessed and landable the Right Honorable Sin Francis Ihones, L. Maior.

For the solemne feast of Easter last, upon the Right Honorable Sin Brious morkes in this Cittie, at Saint Mary Spittle.

The Inuention.

The foure Seasons of the Yeare,
Spring, Summer, Autumne and Winter,
In a Song into foure parts divided, Call
vp Flora, the Goddelle of the Spring, who
in a Bewer, decks with Aruficiall Flowers, appeares upon the Musicall
Innocasion.

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The Song ! at severall Windowes.

Spring FLora, Flora! We call thee heere, Sum. We call thee beere, From forth thy fragrant Bower, Spri. Then Queene of enery Langbing Flower, Appeare ! Appeare to vi, Sum. Towsappeare: Thon Banquet of the Texte, Spri. Or if a Name may be more freet, more detre. Harke, Summer harks, Sum. Mote. Autumne, mote. How coughing Winter monopes to fee This (miling Houre, Win. Would it were nipt for me, But foft I feele no fuch decay But I may line to kiffe faire May, And in the Morne and Enening bowers, Leane my cold freats upon the Flowers.

Spri



Spri. Alaffe poore Mumps, at thy meaks power We langh,

The Sun will rife and take thy cold Kiffe off.

Win. - 0b - 0b-0-

Autum. He's strucke cold

Looks, in a Sound ,

Will drop to th ground.

Helpe helpe belpe be wants your cheering .

Win. Ob I confeste

Feild Empereile,

The Beauty of thy power amazes,

I am content to ioyne

With those three Friends of thine,

And belpe to chant thy prayfes ;

All. Now all the Seasons of the Yeare agree To gine, (Faire Flora) the prime place to Thee.

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Flora,



Flora, rifing in her Bower, calls forth two of her Sernants.

Flo. Where's Hyacinth ! the Boy Appollo loude, And turnde into a Flower?

Hy. Here, Queene of sweetnes.

Flo. Adonit'! thou that for thy beauteous chafticy,

Wert turnde into the chaftest of all Flowers,
(The clotle-infolded Rose) blowen into Blushes
It is so mayden-modest,
Ad. What's thy pleasure

Faire Empresse of sweete Odours, Flo. Willing Servants!

I have Employment for you both, and speedy, Beth. We waite with much loy to receive the

charge on't;

Flo. Hast, to the two Assisting Magistrates,
Those worthy Citty Confulls,
Beare our sweete wishes to e'm, and speake Ioy
From vs, to both their Feasts,
And to that part of their Graue-worthy Guesse
Which



Which here we miffe to day, though here be those Whom we ought more especially to Honor, Say though we cannot there our selfe appeare, Because we owe our greater service here, Yet that they shal not faile of all their due, We send the wishes of our Heart by you.

Hy. Which shall be faithfully tendred, Flo. Tis presum'd;

But to this faire Assembly present now
I, and these yeelding Sweets all their heads bow
In honour of this Feess, of the Day, chiefe,
Made solemne by the workes of your Reliefe,
Your Cares, your Charities, the holy Vie
Ofpious exercise; all which insuse
Blessings into your Fortunes, you abound
In temporall things, cause blessed fruits are found
Vpon the Stocks you graft on, marke the Encrease,
You plant poore Orphan in a ground of Peace,
And carefully prouide, when fruit time comes,
You gather Heavens loyes for this infinite Summes,
This day you view dthe Garden of those Deeds,
That blesse the Founders; and all those succeeds

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In Zeale and Imitation tyou faw there, Vertues true Paradife, dreft with your Care; (Your most religious Care) and those Blew Sets, They are the Cities Banche of Violets That finels most sweet to Heaven; never cease then You worthy Presidents for Times and Men, Till Charitie spring, (by your Examples given) As thick on Earth, as Rewards Stand in Heaven; If there were floth or faintnes tow'ard good works; (As bleft be Heaven there is not) Time instructs, The Seafon of the Towe, for as the Ground, The heaviest and dul'st Creature can be found. Yet now begins both in her Meader and Bowers To offer vp her Sacrifice, in Flowers, How much more ought that Earth with a Soule Which is of every of you here potleft, To spring forth Workes of Piery and Loue, To gratifie those Dewes fall from Aboue; And as the humbleft Flower that ever grew, Ha's not his Sem alone, but Vertue too, Good for Mans griefes , fo tis not Mans full Fame To have a Christian Sanour, or a Name,

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An empty voice of Charity and Reliefe, He must apply Ease to his Brothers griefe; " Faith is the Sent and Odour of the Flower, (er; "But Work's the Vertue, that makes good the pow-Tis like the Tincture of those Roabes you weare, In which cleare Vesture you to me appeare Like Borders of faire Roses; and worne hie Vpon the Cities forehead ; that rich Dye As it is reuerend, honourable, graue, So it is pretious, wholesome, which doth crave A double Vertue at the Wearers hands, Inflice and Mercy; by which goodnesse stands: Thus Honour Still claimes Vertue for his Due, And may both euer lay iust claime to you: What? the foure Scafons of the Teare ftruck dumbe? I lookt for a kind Welcome, now Im'e come.

2. Song, by the foure Scasons! called the Song of Flowers.

Spr. W Elcome, O welcome, Queene of sweetner welcome, in the noblest manner,



With all thy Flowers, thy sweete breath't Maides of Honour;

Sum. Flower gentle ! I begin with Thee, Aut. Fayre Flower of Chrystall ! that's for me,

Spr. Apples of Loue ! there sweetnesse dwels ; Win. Pab, gine me Canterbury Bels;

Spr. Faire double-Gold cups, griefes expelling, Sum. Agnus Caftus, all excelling, Aut. Venus Bath! the lonelieft pride of Iune,

Aut. Venus Bath | the lonelieft pride of Inne, Win. Gine me that Flower, cald, Go to bed at noone,

Spr. Bleffed Thiftle, fam'd for good, Sum Shepheards Pouch, for stanching blood, Aut. Faire yallow Knight-wort, for a foule relapse, Win. And Ladies Mantle, good for Maydens Paps,

Spr. Tuft Hyacinth! that crommes the Bower, Cald of some, the Virgins Flower; Win. Take that for me, more good I feele In Russling Robin, and Larkes Heele.

Spr. There is a Sweete, Vimamed yet,
The root is white, the Marke of pure Delight,
Bearing



Bearing his Flowers faire and hie,
The colour like a purple Dye:
Win. What is the name tis bleft withall?
Spr.Liue-long! is so the Shepheards call;
Win. Liue-long? tis Vertues promis'd Due
And may is Long remains with You
Honor'd Patrons,
Vertuous Matrons,
Whose Lifes and Alls this City graces,
Daily strining,
And renining
Workes worthy your renume and places.

Flo. So ya're confirm'd; from your harmonious Closes May Sweetnetse drop, as Hony-Dew from Roses,

Theuturning, to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen.

A bleffed Health poffeffeyou, and a long, That in this latter Spring of your grave yeares, You



You may be greene in Vertues, and grow strong In works of Grace, which soules to Heanen endeers; your good Cares, here, Instice, and well spent houres Crowneyou hereaster with eternal Flowers.

Hyacinth, and Adonis, fent forth by Flora, to the a. other Feafts, thus fets off their Employments.

The goddesse Flora, Empresse of the Spring,
Chusing (this Feast) her Flowery Soiourning,
Vnder the Roofe of the chiefe Magistrate,
Whose power layes iust claime to the greatest state,
Hath sent me forth, not meanest in her Grace,
To breath forth her sweet wishes to this place;
First to the Master of this bounteous Feast,
To speake her ioy; next, to each worthy Guest;
And though she cannot now her Selse appeare,
Because she owes her greater Service there,
Yer her Hearts Loue to every one I bring,
To whom sh'as sent a Present of the Spring.
Then sals into the former speech of Flora, making
Use of her dinine instructions,

Here



Entertainments of the Lords of his Maiestics most Honourable Pring Councell; at
the Houses of the Lord Mayor,
and Sheriffes,

The first Entertainment vpon Thursday in Easter weeke beeing the fift of Aprill, 1 6 2 2.

And vpon the fixeteenth of the same Month those Persons of Honor received their second Noble welcome, in a free and Generous Entertainment, at the house of the Right Worshipfull, Mr. Sheriste Allen; Flora the Person vied before, thus prepared for them.

Flo. A M I so happy to be bleft agen?

With These the choice of many thousand
For Royall Trust selected, and a Care (men,
That makes you Sacred; may the world compare



A Confidence with yours? from so compleate And excellent a Mafter? Or fo great And free a Loue can any Nation showe In Subject to the Someraigne, then doch flow From this most thankfull (ury? Waves of Loue? Ee'n ouerwhelme each other, as they moue, All striuing to be first, they runne in one To'th Oceans Breft ! (the Kings Affection.) And you of Honer I that doe oft appeare In presence of a Maiefly so cleere, So mighty in Heaven bleftings, be so kind To grace with Words what He shall ever find, And tis a glorious Truth, and well befermes Places and Perfour of your faire Effectnes, Not all the Kingdomes of the Earth, contains A City freer to her Soueraigne, More faithfull, and more carefull; observe here His Highner excellent Tryall; Lone and Feare Make vp a Subjects duty, to his King, As Inflice and Iwecte Mercy makes vp Him; Sorwo fold Vertne two-fold Dutie, cheeres, He knew their loves, now came & toucht their fears To



To try their Temper, (O bleft Heaven) he found It was the Fewe he lookt for, had it's ground Vpon Religion, Reverence, sweete Respect, Lone lookt not Louelier, nor Divinelier deckt, Each reprehensiue word He did impart Flewe, and cleaude fast to their obedient Heart, Twas fire within their bosome, could not reft, Till in some serious manner, they'de exprest Their duteous Care, with all speede put in All Their Soneraignes facred pleasure, to coact Where manners failde, and force, as with a Pill-From Humours rude, the Venom of the Ill; " A Kings owne Admonition, against Crimes, " Is Thisicke to the Body of the Times. And herein did He Imitate the Highest, (To whom it best becomes Him to be nighest) To chaften, where he loues, it is the Seale Of the Almighties favour, He doth deale So with his (befen, doe not languish then, Thou Prince of Citties, cause the King of Men Divinely did reprooue thee, Know, tis Loue, Thou art his Chosen Citter, and wilt prooue



(As thou haft ever beene) faithfull and free, The Chamber of his (weete Security: Then in a Health of loy your Hearts expresse, Whilst I Breath welcome to those Noble Guesse.

The Song of welcome, after which Flora thm Closes the Entertainment.

A Trust of Honor, and a Noble Care
Still to discharge that Trust, Keepe your Fames faire,
You have proceeded carefully; goe on,
And a full Praise Crowne your Progression.

The last Entertainment full as Noble and worthy as the former, vpon the Saturday ensuing, being the 21. of the same Moneth, at the Honse of the equally Generous and Bounteous, the Right Worshipfull, Master Sheriffe Ducy.

Flora





Flora, this the third time, in her Bower, beginning to speake, interrupted, by her two Seruants, Hyacinth and Adonis.

Flo. God Heauen

Hy. Grye, this is vsurpation meerely,

Speake thrice together? there's no right in this:

Flo. What's that?

Ado. I have the juster cause to take exceptions,

This is the place I seru'd in, lately seru'd in,

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And by her own appointmer, my wrong's greateft.

Flo. Here's a strange sudden boldnesse a' both sides a' me,

Hy. Wa'th not sufficient grace for you to speake At the chiefe Magistrates house, there, wherethat

Was first erected, but to shift your seate
From place to place, pull downe, and then set vp,
I wonder how the scapes Informers, trust me.

Ad. Beleeue me to doe I, sh'as fauour showne

Flo. So, this becomes you well,

Hy. There's right in all things,
We might have kept our places as we held e'm,
There's little Confeience in your dealing, thus,
You might have left the Lower Bookes for vs,
For our poore fervice.

Flo. Thus I answere you,
Taking my President from the just care
Of those electe Lights of Honour, shining faire



To their Workes End; you see before your Eyes
The Trust that was committed to their wise
And discreet Powers (for his Highnesse Vie)
They put not off to others, with excuse
Of wearinesse, or paines; as they begun,
In their owne Noble Person see all done:
So, by their sweet Example, I that am
Your Queene and Mistrie, and may rightly blame,
And taxe the boldnesse of your ruder blood,
I doe not thinke, or hold my selfe too good
In mine owne Person, to commend their Cares
That have so instelly served their King, in Theirs,
Now you pull in your Heads.

Both. Pardon fweet Queene.

Flo. Yet why should Anger in my brow be seene They came but to shew duty to the Time, Contention to doe Service was their Crime, That's no ill looking fault; but'tis still knowne, "They that give Honour, love to doe't alone, It brookes no Partnership : — To give this last

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Duty



Duty her Due, as others before past, Though it came now from men of meaner Ranche, Where welch was ne're known to oreflow the bank Like Spring-Tides of the Rich, that fwell more hie, Yet tak't for Truth, it comes as cheerefully, All fimiling Gipers; and well may it come With fmooth and louing Faces, the fmall Summe That they returne, is thousand times repaide In Peace and Safery, belides Sourraigne Ayde For each Hearts Grievance, (to its full content) By this high Synode of the Parliament ; Before whose faire, cleare, and Unbribed Eyes, (When it appeares) Corruption fincks and dies, Secure Oppression once, comes trembling thither (Stead of her hard heart knoks her knees together This Benefite is purchal'd, this Reward To which all Coyne is drotle to be compar'de:

But, the faire Worker concluded, on all parts, Your Core, which I place first of all deserts, And it becomes it, cas beene nobly Iust,

You



You have discharg'd with Honor your hie Trust:
The Cities Lone, I must remember next,
And faithfull Duty, both devoutly mixt;
And (as the State of Court sets last, the Best,)
His boundlesse Goodnesse, not to be exprest,
That is your King and Master, Blossings fall
Vpon His Actions; Honor, on you All.

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